

# HUMAN NATURE IN HUMAN BEINGS

Close Up Views of Folk Worth Knowing

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This may help to answer the question: "Why do men go to Congress?"

When John W. Weeks, became a United States Senator from Massachusetts, his successor in the lower house was a handsome, romantic looking, red-headed young man named John J. Mitchell. In making his race for the job, Mitchell had as campaign manager a smart young newspaper man on one of the Boston papers. He was elected by a good majority. At the last congressional election, Mitchell was up for a second term. Now, as a rule it is easier to obtain a second term than a first one. Mitchell felt—and not without some little logic on his side—that he had surmounted his major difficulty when he made his initial spurt. Taking unto himself a second term looked like a mere matter of routine. And so he told the bright young newspaperman that while he appreciated all he had done and everything he would not need his services again.

Now, however, he is left entirely out of the picture, to be regarded as a disutility. The young campaign manager, while he liked Mitchell and the latter was a first rate campaigner, earnestly desired, for the purpose of confirming ideas he held of his own usefulness, to see Mitchell have none too easy a time. He held down subterranean thoughts and looked about for an obstacle to place in Mitchell's path.

The obstacle that he finally selected was a wealthy manufacturer, one W. H. Carter, whose name is familiar to all who make a practice of reading underwear advertisements. Carter qualified to run against Mitchell.

"But mind you," Carter told his young manager, "run only on one condition. I am sure there is no chance of my election. I have no time to go to Congress."

"Don't worry about that," soothed the campaign manager. "We'll have a lot of fun out of it anyhow."

As the campaign advanced, Carter became not a little agitated. Suppose—just suppose—he hoarsely whispered one day to his chief adviser, "that I MIGHT be elected!"

He might have been elected, perhaps, except for one thing. An opposition speaker declared one day, rather one night, that Carter was not close enough to the people. The remark rather nettled Carter and he came back with this retort:

"Not close to the people, eh? Why I make their underwear!"

The retort was not only a good advertisement for his business, but went well politically. To Carter's extreme vexation—so he thought—his name was elected. And so here he is.

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referendum vote is given them, will not be debauched by the liquor men, as the Anti-saloon League claims; nor will they be intimidated by the Anti-saloon League, but they will vote, as they think best for themselves and for their interests, controlled by neither party.

It is evident that the Anti-saloon League feels that a referendum vote on the question of prohibition may not be favorable to its wishes; and for this reason it does not want the people of the District to have anything to say on this question so vital to their interests; but it is trying to force prohibition upon them, irrespective of their wishes or desires.

The sixth and last reason of the Anti-saloon League against a referendum vote on the question of prohibition reads as follows:

"The Anti-saloon League is pledged to an attitude of neutrality upon all questions of public policy not directly and immediately concerned with the traffic in intoxicating liquors."

This sort of "holier than thou" attitude shows great self-restraint and kindness on the part of the Anti-saloon League.

But how are we to know that this attitude will be maintained? If prohibition is gained in the District without the consent of the people, the thirst for blood may continue. The Anti-saloon League may become the anti-coffee, the anti-cream, the anti-vegetarian and the curfew leagues, until finally the people of the District will be so oppressed by the Anti-saloon League that they will be forced to put to bed at 9 p. m. sharp. What a glorious future we have before us.

H. R. WEBB.

A Danger of Preparedness.

Editor of The Washington Herald: Will you please give space that I may point out to the public some of the dangers which confront us at this time in the matter of increasing the army and navy?

In the first place, I think it's very dangerous, there being at present over 600,000 people in the State of New York who are not American citizens, over 13,000,000 people in the United States who are not American citizens and over 10,000,000 who have refused to become American citizens and are not in harmony with the American government.

As a rule American citizens would not go in the army and navy in the time of peace, but these foreigners would go in for the sake of the money as they have gone into our mines. I need not mention the mishaps, which have occurred in our army and navy as the result of such enlistments, for they are too well known.

I shall ask a hearing before our naval committee of the House of Representatives, that may give them a statement with reference to the dangers that confront us in increasing the army and navy at this time.

REV. JAMES L. WHITE.

Suggests Democratic Ticket.

Editor of The Washington Herald: As there is a great deal of speculation going on as to the probable nominees of the several parties for President and Vice President, the following is suggested as an appropriate ticket for the Democratic party: For President, Woodrow Wilson; for Vice President, Woodrow Wilson; for Vice President, Woodrow Wilson; for Vice President, Woodrow Wilson.

W. E. JONES.

SOUTH AND NEGRO LABOR.

No Northern newspaper could be so severe upon discrimination against negroes today as the Macdonald Telegraph upon what it terms the "anti-negro pogrom." One county in that State is "living in practical outlawry by virtue of its success in excluding the black man from its borders, and two others are facing an agitation directed toward the same end. It happens that in these latter there are large farms, splendidly cultivated chiefly by negro help under white direction," and this condition greatly hampers the movement for the new kind of "white supremacy."

The trouble, as the Telegraph sees it, is less with the negro than with short-sighted white men. "To set up that the South can get along without the negro is ridiculous, and this being true, not a county should be allowed to shrink its share of the problem by the simple expedient of shoving it off bodily into the next one."

Suppose that, by some magician's wand, the negro could be removed from the South. Instead of benefiting that section, the action would plunge it into bankruptcy. "The African element is our labor—both as we are and all we ever will have." If it is incompetent, that is a reason for improving it, not for dispensing with it. The trained negro "is a more efficient instrument than the untrained white man"—and it is because the latter instinctively senses dangerous competition that he moves for banishment of the black—New York Evening Post.

Women students made a better scholarship average than men at the University of Wisconsin last September. Sorority women stood higher than the others, while among the men those who were not members of fraternities did better than those who were.

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## GAGE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETS

Student Glee Club and Orchestra Contribute to Enjoyment of the Meeting.

That a graded school alumni association is not only feasible, but apparently fills a long-felt want in the local school system, was demonstrated last night at a large and enthusiastic meeting of the newly organized Alumni Association of the N. P. Gage Public School, Miss Mary E. Bond, principal.

The Gage School possesses, in addition to the association, a glee club and an orchestra, membership in both of which is confined exclusively to students at the school. Both bodies were on hand last night and contributed enjoyable numbers to the program.

A piano solo was executed by Clair Nye and a piano and violin duet by Miss Eliza Beth Harris and Kenneth McGregor. Miss Esther Melick contributed a vocal solo and Marcel Bussard a piano solo.

Miss Dorothy Hardy, a teacher in the school, who is also a graduate, told of her progress "From Pupil to Teacher in the Gage School."

J. Bond Smith, a former president of the Technical High School Alumni Association, spoke on "How Tech Prepares for Life," and made suggestions as to the running of the new alumni association. Mr. Smith pointed out that Tech is just as much a high school as any of the academies in the city, stating that all of the high schools are essentially preparatory schools of general culture, and that Tech is only incidentally a vocational school. He also traced the growth of manual training in this country, stating that it is an outgrowth of the Russian system.

Among the activities of the Gage School Alumni Association is the publication of a school paper. The officers of the association are: Arthur Fowler, president; Marcel Bussard, treasurer, and Miss Marguerite Luckett, secretary.

ARMY AND NAVY.

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George, Capt. Francis LeJ. Parker and Mrs. Jose Ramon Vallion, of Cuba.

Among those in the musical given recently by the Riding and Hunt Club were Mrs. Sinclair Bowen, Miss Edith Howard, the Misses Schenck, Miss Walcott, Miss Devereaux, Lieut. John Winter, Paul D. Carlisle, John Greedy and John O. Evans, George Totten, Ralph Coffin, Hugh Legare and Lieut. Le Breton.

Mrs. M. Ballard is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. Nelson E. Margotta.

Judge McGuffey, father of Mrs. William J. Glasgow, left recently for his home in El Paso, Tex.

Capt. Felix R. Hill left recently for Fort Howard for temporary station.

Lieut. and Mrs. Philip L. Thumber had dinner recently for Lieut. and Mrs. Rufus W. Putnam, of the Engineers.

Lieut. Alexander L. James was a visitor on the post last week.

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Miss Ruth Pugh, daughter of Col. John W. Pullman, spent the week-end in Washington as guest of Miss Demany.

ARMY ORDERS.

Second Lieut. John C. McDermott, Eleventh Cavalry, aviation student, is announced as duty that requires him to participate in aerial flights.

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Mrs. George Thurber entertained at a bridge party recently.

Chaplain Timothy P. O'Keefe has returned after showing of moving pictures in the riding hall on Wednesday and Sunday. Mr. Smith, of the Y. M. C. A., has pictures on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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